

## **Opening invitation for survey participation**

02 September, 2025

Subject: Request for Survey Participation: Reclaiming Connectedness and a Sense of Belonging in Family Medicine

Dear Colleague,

I hope this email finds you well.

Queen's University and Memorial University of Newfoundland, in collaboration with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA), are conducting a survey and interviews for family physicians. We invite you to participate in this important survey aims to explore how and why professional loneliness, isolation, mistreatment, and the loss of connectedness impact family physicians.

The survey will take approximately 10–12 minutes to complete and will be analyzed by independent researchers of Queen's University and Memorial University of Newfoundland. You may also opt to participate in an interview (~60 minutes) to delve into the topic in more detail with the researchers.

*Responses will be kept confidential and will not in any way be attributed to you personally. The survey and interview findings will be presented in a summary format that is aggregated and anonymized.*

This study has received ethical approval by the Queen's University Health Sciences and Affiliated Teaching Hospitals Research Ethics Board. This project has received secondary review and approval by Memorial University's Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research (ICEHR).

This is the [link](https://mun.yu11.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37qYq1GOAw2pHTM) for the survey.

If you're unable to click the link, please copy and paste the full URL below into your web browser: [https://mun.yu11.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_37qYq1GOAw2pHTM](https://mun.yu11.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37qYq1GOAw2pHTM)

Please take the time to complete the survey and/or the interview. Your insights are invaluable in helping us move forward on these pressing issues.

If you have any questions regarding this research, you may contact the researchers.

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If you have any questions about NLMA involvement in this research, contact us at [nlma@nlma.ca](mailto:nlma@nlma.ca).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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